

## **Youth Resource Connections**

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### **Youth Headlines**

**GAO-Report 02-240-School Dropouts: Education Could Play a Stronger Role in Identifying and Disseminating Promising Prevention Strategies. February 1, 2002.** The focus of this report is to identify the national and regional dropout rate trends; to identify, through research, the factors associated with dropping out; to highlight state, local, or private efforts that have been implemented to address the factors associated with dropping out; and to identify existing federal efforts to reduce dropout rates and examine the effectiveness of such efforts. To download this report visit <http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d02240.pdf> - 609.3KB

### **Upcoming Events**

**US Department of Health and Human Services hosts the National YOUTH Summit-By Youth, With Youth, For Youth, Washington DC Hilton, and June 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>.** The Summit will feature speakers and workshops on such topics as:

- Supportive Families and Communities
- Safe and Healthy Lives
- Economic Self-Sufficiency and Success
- Settings and Opportunities for Development and Service

Go to <http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/fysb/summit.html> for information and online registration or call 1-800-223-2936.

**The National Urban League hosts its 2002 annual conference July 27 - 31 in Los Angeles, California.** This year's conference, "Opportunity + Equality = One America," will include plenary sessions and workshops featuring leading corporate, government and civil rights figures; and free admission to exhibits hall, career fair and health fair, and an African-American vendors marketplace.

Before the conference, the League's NULITES (National Urban League Incentive to Excel and Succeed) youth program will host a **Youth Summit from July 25 -29**, for up to 500 young people, ages 14 to 19, and their chaperons. The Summit will be held at a college or university to be determined.

For information on the National Urban League 2002 Annual Conference, call 212-558-5385, or send an email requesting the number of information packets needed and the mailing address to [urbanleagueconference@nul.org](mailto:urbanleagueconference@nul.org). For NULITES Youth Summit speaking, sponsorship or other opportunities, call 212-558-5470.

**Eight Weeks to the National Day to Prevent Teen Pregnancy.** Mark your calendar: May 8, 2002 is the National Day to Prevent Teen Pregnancy. Highlights include a fun, interactive, and confidential online quiz with scenarios, fun facts, and storylines. The "quiz" asks teens to decide how they would act in various challenging situations involving relationships and sex. Visit <http://www.teenpregnancy.org/about/announcements/events/theday.asp> frequently for more information about the National Day.

**National Day to Prevent Teen Pregnancy Journalism Contest.** The *New York Times* Learning Network and the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy invite youth, ages 12-21, to enter the National Day to Prevent Teen Pregnancy Journalism Contest. To enter, youth should write an editorial, a news story, or a feature article on teen pregnancy. Winners will be announced on May 8 -- the National Day to Prevent Teen Pregnancy. The winning articles will be published on the *New York Times* Learning Networks web site, the Campaign's website, and in future Campaign publications. Check out [www.teenpregnancy.org](http://www.teenpregnancy.org) for official rules and entry forms. **Deadline: April 15.**

**2002 Summit on Financial Literacy, in Atlanta, Georgia April 11-13.** The purpose of this conference is to convene WIB youth services, WIA service providers, Career Centers, One-Stop personnel, and other youth development practitioners to share "best practices" in recruiting out-of-school youth, locating resources, and empowering at-risk youth via training in entrepreneurship, financial responsibility, and money management. For more information on this conference visit [www.YoungBiz.com](http://www.YoungBiz.com) and click on the Summit link or call 888.543.7929, x15.

**PBS To Air Show on Learning Disabilities March 27.** "Misunderstood Minds," a 90-minute TV documentary about the one in five children with debilitating learning problems will air March 27 on PBS. PBS has created a special web site on the topic at <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/misunderstoodminds/>. Local PBS stations will receive information enabling them to hold local forums and highlight community resources dealing with the issue.

### **Program Spotlight**

**Rush Enterprises partners with St. Philip's College, SW Campus to train and employ youth as diesel mechanics with it dealership in San Antonio, Texas.** Rush Enterprises, the largest Peterbilt truck dealer in North America, is interested in developing partnerships with other Youth Opportunity grant and youth service providers funded under the Workforce Investment Act, to train and hire youth seeking careers in the heavy-duty truck and equipment trades and occupations, primarily diesel mechanics. The company operates a network of Peterbilt dealers; truck leasing centers, and heavy-duty construction equipment and cranes systems in such states as California, Colorado, Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana, and Michigan.

For more information about starting a youth training partnership, please contact: Jim Cross, Director of Service Operations, Rush Enterprises, P.O. Box 34330, San Antonio,

Texas 78265-4630, 830-626-5240 (p), 830-626-5309 (f), [cross@rush-enterprises.com](mailto:cross@rush-enterprises.com), [www.rushenterprises.com](http://www.rushenterprises.com).

### **WIA Youth Updates**

**U.S. Department of Labor hosts Forums on Reauthorization of WIA and Linkages with the TANF Program.** A total of nine forums will now be held across the country during March - April. To obtain a complete schedule of the forums, visit <http://usworkforce.org/reauthorization/forums.asp>.

**TEGL Approval.** Assistant Secretary Emily DeRocco approved TEGL 13-01 on Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Allotments for Program Year (PY) 2002; Wagner-Peyser Act Preliminary Planning Estimates for PY 2002; Reemployment Services Allotments for PY 2002; and Workforce Information Grants to States for PY 2002. This TEGL provides states and outlying areas with WIA title I Adults and Dislocated Workers and Youth Activities allotments for PY 2002; preliminary planning estimates for PY 2002 public employment service (ES) activities, as required by Section 6(b)(5) of the Wagner-Peyser Act, as amended; Reemployment Services allotments for PY 2002; and the Workforce Information Grants to States for PY 2002. Download this advisory notice on [http://www.doleta.gov/youth\\_services/pdf/tegl13-01.pdf](http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/pdf/tegl13-01.pdf).

**TEN Approval.** Lorenzo D. Harrison, Administrator of the Office of Youth Services approves TEN 4-01-New Publication – “How Youth Programs Manage Intake, Individual Services Strategies and Case Files.” This TEN announces the availability of the Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration’s (DOL/ETA) guide entitled, “How Youth Programs Manage Intake, Individual Services Strategies (ISS) and Case Files.” To download this advisory notice go to [http://www.doleta.gov/youth\\_services/pdf/TEN4-01.pdf](http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/pdf/TEN4-01.pdf). To download the actual publication go to [http://www.doleta.gov/youth\\_services/pdf/TEN4-01Iss.pdf](http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/pdf/TEN4-01Iss.pdf)

### **Publications/Reports/Resources**

***The Spring 2002 Occupational Outlook Quarterly is now available on-line.***

This edition of the BLS publication focuses on the "2000 - 2010 Job Outlook," and offers some special items of interest to counselors and students (including resources for students with disabilities and assistance for starting a mentoring program). Download the publication on <http://www.bls.gov/opub/ooq/ooqhome.htm>.

***Department of Labor’s FY 2001 Report on Performance and Accountability is now available on-line.*** The multiple PDF files examine progress on the three Departmental goals—A Prepared Workforce, A Secure Workforce and a Quality Workforce. Several appendices accompany the main reports. Download the reports on <http://www.dol.gov/sec/media/reports/annual2001/main.htm>.

**Juvenile Crime/Justice Among the new publications from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) are:** -"Law Enforcement and Juvenile Crime," describes the extent and characteristics of

juvenile arrests: arrest rates for violent and property crimes, drug and weapons offenses, and violations of alcohol, curfew, and loitering laws. Arrests and arrest trends for males and females and for diverse racial groups are compared. Download the publication on <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.org/pubs/general.html#191031>

**National League of Cities (NLC) Releases Action Kit on Improving Public School.** The National League of Cities (NLC) Institute for Youth, Education, and Families has released a new action kit, "Improving Public Schools." The kit offers practical steps to improve the quality of public education that include establishing alternative education and school-to-career programs. To obtain a copy of the kit, contact Andrea Reid (202) 626-3006 or email: [reid@nlc.org](mailto:reid@nlc.org). More information is available on <http://www.nlc.org.iyef>.

**Tool Kit for National Youth Service Day 2002 Available Online.** Youth Service America (YSA), the lead sponsor of National Youth Service Day 2002, to be held April 26-28, has issued a toolkit filled with ideas for local youth community service projects. You can download the toolkit from <http://www.ysa.org/nysd/toolkit.pdf>, or obtain a hard copy by calling YSA at (202) 296-2992.

**New Resource for Adolescent Providers.** Child Trends, an independent, nonpartisan research center, has issued *"Reproductive Health Services that are Culturally Competent and Appropriate for Teenagers."* The guidebook is based on research and input from teenagers, healthcare providers and researchers. To order, visit <http://www.childtrends.org/publications.asp?topic=sexbehavior>.

### **Funding Opportunities**

**TRIBES Summer Program for 2002 Graduating High School Seniors.** The Tribal Resource Institute in Business, Engineering, and Science (TRIBES), a summer program sponsored by the Council of Energy Resource Tribes (CERT), is accepting applications for the 2002 program. High school graduates pursuing college or post secondary education are eligible to apply. Students attend the University of New Mexico June 13-July 26, may earn up to nine transferable college credits, and are eligible for a \$1000 scholarship for five years of college or post-secondary study if they complete the program. For more information contact: TRIBES Program, University of New Mexico, Attn: Native American Programs, Office of the Provost, Scholes Hall, Room 226, Albuquerque, NM 87131, 505-277-5725 (p), 505-277-0228 (f), [tslee@unm.edu](mailto:tslee@unm.edu). **Deadline: May 1.**

**Coming Up Taller Awards to Honor Arts Programs for Underserved Children and Youth.** The Coming Up Taller Awards annually recognize and reward excellence in community arts and humanities programs for underserved children and youth. Ten awardees will receive \$10,000 each and an individualized plaque. For complete guidelines and nomination forms contact: Coming Up Taller Awards, President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 526, Washington, DC 20506, (202) 682-5409 (p), <http://www.cominguptaller.org/>. **Deadline: April 26.**

**Community Coalitions Invited to Apply for 2002 Drug-Free Communities Support Program.** The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) will award approximately 70 grants of up to \$100,000 under the 2002 Drug-Free Communities Support Program. Grants support programs that promote collaboration to prevent and reduce substance abuse among youth. For more information and a complete application package contact the OJJDP's Juvenile Justice Clearinghouse, 800-638-8736 (p), Email: [puborder@ncjrs.org](mailto:puborder@ncjrs.org). (Use document number when ordering: SL 000510), RFP Link: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.org/dfcs/>. **Deadline: April 24.**

**Department of Education Announces Funding Opportunities under "Projects with Industry" Program.** The Department of Education expects to award up to 79 grants for a total of \$17.5 million under its "Projects with Industry" program. Grants may be used to expand job and career opportunities for individuals with disabilities by engaging private industry as partners. Grants will average from \$175,000 to \$250,000.) For more information, download the March 15 *Federal Register* announcement on [http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=2002\\_register&docid=02-6214-filed.pdf](http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=2002_register&docid=02-6214-filed.pdf). **Deadline: May 31.**

## **Websites**

**Announcement of New Youth Violence and Suicide Prevention (NYVPRC) Listserv (SAFEYOUTH).** The SAFEYOUTH listserv provides current information on youth violence and suicide prevention. It also offers a forum for teens, parents, and professionals to discuss issues of interest related to youth violence and suicide prevention. To join the SAFEYOUTH listserv, visit <http://lists.safeyouth.org/mailman/listinfo/safeyouth>. For more information on the Resource Center, visit the Web site ([www.safeyouth.org](http://www.safeyouth.org)) or contact the Center directly at 1-866-SAFEYOUTH (1-866-723-3968).

**Benton Foundation creates "Connect for Kids", an award-winning multimedia project to help adults make their communities better places for families and children.** The website offers a place on the Internet for adults—parents, grandparents, educators, policymakers and others—who want to become more active citizens, from volunteering to vote with kids in mind. " Visit the website on <http://www.connectforkids.org/>.

**Teenpregnancy.org Redesigned.** The National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy has a new web site! Highlights include easier navigation, faster download, and better signposting. Ordering materials from the Campaign's online resource catalog is simpler and faster. Check it out at <http://www.teenpregnancy.org>.

## **Important Dates to Remember**

**April 10–12.** *Arts to Career Peer-to-Peer Training for Youth Opportunity Grantees*, Denver, CO. For more information please contact Gloria Salas-Kos at 202/693-3596 or [gsalas@doleta.gov](mailto:gsalas@doleta.gov)



**April 11-13.** [Summit on Financial Literacy](#), in Atlanta, Georgia. For more information visit [www.YoungBiz.com](http://www.YoungBiz.com) and click on the Summit link or call 888.543.7929, x15.

**April 18.** Deadline for [Seventh Annual PEPNet Award Recognition](#). Applications are available on the National Youth Employment Coalition web site:

<http://www.nyec.org/pepnet/>

**April 26-28.** [National Youth Service Day \(NYSD\)](#). For more information visit <http://www.ysa.org/nysd/>.

**April 28-30.** [RURAL WORKFORCE 2002 CONFERENCE](#), the Reno Hilton - Reno, NV. For more information contact: [Kris Latimer 541-928-0241, ext. 219](#) or visit <http://www.tocowa.org/2002.html>.

**May 1-3.** [Year 3 Youth Opportunity Grant Partners Meeting](#) – Tampa, FL. Contact: Hugh Davies, (202) 693-3497 or [hdavies@doleta.gov](mailto:hdavies@doleta.gov).

**May 8.** [National Day to Prevent Teen Pregnancy](#). Visit <http://www.teenpregnancy.org/about/announcements/events/theday.asp> for updates.

**May 13-17.** [Financial Management Training](#) – Chicago. Visit <http://usworkforce.org/events/FinancialTrainingChicago2.pdf>.

**June 26-28.** US Department of Health and Human Services hosts the [National YOUTH Summit-By Youth, With Youth, & For Youth](#), at the Washington DC Hilton. Go to [www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/fysb/summit.html](http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/fysb/summit.html) for information and online registration or call 1-800-223-2936.

**July 9-11.** [Workforce Innovations 2002 Conference](#), Nashville, Tennessee. Contact: Gardner Carrick 202-693-3689.

**July 27-31.** The [National Urban League](#) hosts its [2002 Annual Conference](#) in Los Angeles, California and its [Youth Summit](#) from July 25 –29. For registration information for the National Urban League 2002 Annual Conference, call 212-558-5385.

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**Youth Resource Connections** provides important announcements and information for state and local workforce investment boards, youth councils, youth service providers, Youth Opportunity Grant sites, partners, and others interested in youth development.

**We welcome your input.** Please let us know how these updates might be improved to better serve your needs. If you would like to contribute information, post an inquiry, or suggest topics to cover, please contact Ann Stom ([Astom@doleta.gov](mailto:Astom@doleta.gov); 202-693-3377); DeEtta Roberson-Carter ([Droberson-Carter@doleta.gov](mailto:Droberson-Carter@doleta.gov); 202- 693-3610) or Susan Rosenblum ([srosenblum@doleta.gov](mailto:srosenblum@doleta.gov); 202-693-3597).

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